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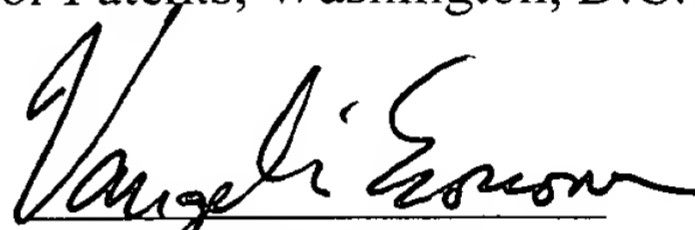
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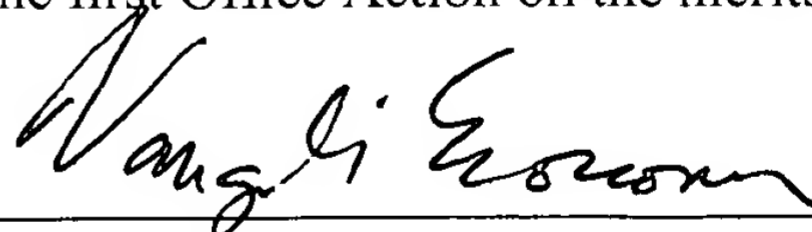
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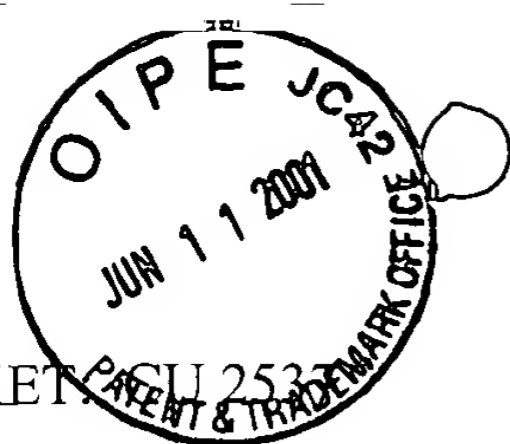
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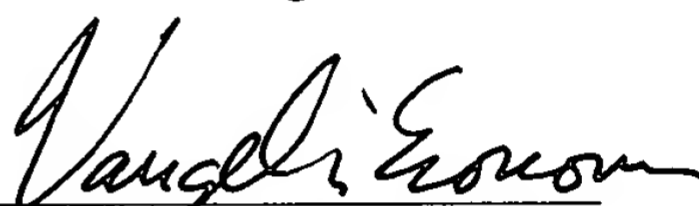
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Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,302,169 of which the applicants are aware, and which may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose under 37 CFR 1.56.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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The reference submitted herewith is listed on PTO-Form 1449 (modified) enclosed herewith. A copy of each reference listed patent is being furnished.

The patent was cited in corresponding PCT application Serial No. PCT/JP00/06325. A copy of the International Search Report, dated 12 December 2000, is also enclosed. This submission is within three (3) months of the date of the filing of this application.

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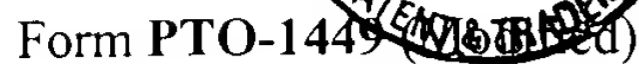
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